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Please note that news sites update their hyperlinks, so it is advised that articles of interest be read soon as they might not be accessible later.

Detroit Free Press: Michigan Supreme Court won't step into dispute between Snyder, teachers' union

"The Michigan Supreme Court today declined to intervene in a dispute between Gov. Rick Snyder and teachers' unions over changes made this year to the Michigan Public Employees Retirement System. The same day Snyder signed Public Act 300 of 2012 into law in September, Ingham County Circuit Court Judge Rosemarie Aquilina issued a temporary restraining order requested by the teacher unions to block the new law from going into effect."

[Full story](#)

Note: The article also ran in the Battle Creek Enquirer, the Lansing State Journal and the Times Herald/Port Huron.

Also see:

The Detroit News: Michigan Supreme Court not interested yet in teachers pension fight

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Associated Press: Supreme Court not interested yet in pension fight

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MLive.com: Teacher retirement changes: Michigan Supreme Court rejects Snyder's request to rule early

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Detroit Free Press: Guest commentary: Who paid for those Michigan Supreme Court ads?

Rich Robinson writes "Michigan earned national election notoriety in 2012. Our Supreme Court campaign appears to have been the most expensive, least accountable judicial election campaign in America."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

The MiLW Blog: Retrospect: The 1986 MSC election

[Full story](#)

The Oakland County Legal News: GOP holds on to Michigan Supreme Court majority

[Full story](#)

The Oakland Press Blog: State High Court Justices Survive Election

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Detroit Free Press: Editorial: Michigan steps toward greater justice for poor defendants

"The Michigan House of Representatives kicked off its lame-duck session Thursday on positive note -- a bipartisan vote in favor of HB5804, which would bring consistency and somewhat greater quality to the state's shoddy patchwork of approaches to handling indigent criminal defense."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

MLive.com: Should we spend more on lawyers to represent poor defendants? Here's why Michigan House said yes

[Full story](#)

The MiLW Blog: Indigent Defense Commission one step closer to reality

[Full story](#)

Detroit Free Press: Preps ticker: Wise election outcome in Royal Oak

Mick McCabe writes "The biggest winners on election night were the good people of Royal Oak, who wisely elected Derek Meinecke to a six-year term as a judge for the 44th District Court. Derek is the son of the Free Press' late Pistons writer, Corky Meinecke, who may have been the greatest guy in the history of the world."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

The Daily Tribune: Royal Oak voters elect Derek Meinecke judge

[Full story](#)

Associated Press: Bear guides cleared after court rejects appeal

"Prosecutors have failed to persuade the Michigan Supreme Court to consider the case of two guides accused of illegally helping an American Indian hunt for bear. William McNeight and Blaine Levigne were convicted of a misdemeanor in Emmet County, but the result was thrown out last summer by the appeals court."

[Full story](#)

Note: The article also ran in the WDIV-TV(4)/Detroit.

Battle Creek Enquirer: Judge James Kingsley honored with judicial award

"Carrying an armful of case files, Calhoun County Circuit Court Judge James Kingsley was about to begin another Friday morning of sentencings and motions. He was prepared, that is, until he looked around and saw other judges, court staff, lawyers and some friends in the courtroom. In September the Michigan Judge's Association presented Kingsley with the Hilda Gage Award for Judicial Excellence."

[Full story](#)

C & G Newspapers/Warren: Officials, residents speak out on aged courthouse

"If it hadn't been for a pair of Utica policeman who happened to be inside 41-A District Court on Oct. 2, a scuffle inside the courthouse could have ended much worse.... While the matter of building a new 41-A District Court has been tossed back and forth among officials from the court, Shelby Township and Macomb Township for the past 10 years, the people who visit or work in or near the court say a new, larger courthouse is past due."

[Full story](#)

Detroit Legal News: Reflecting before retiring; Faith, family supported Judge Edwards over 40 year career

"In more than four decades of hearing cases, Judge Prentis Edwards has seen thousands of people enter and leave his courtroom. Only one went out the window.... It's not clear whether the suspect's intent was to escape or kill himself, but he failed at both. Police standing on the sidewalk nearby took him to the hospital. But Edwards hadn't seen the last of the leaper."

[Full story](#)

Detroit Legal News: Justices question consequences of wrongful acquittals in Michigan case

"The justices of the U.S. Supreme Court tackled a tough question on Tuesday, considering what consequences result under the Double Jeopardy Clause from an acquittal that was caused by a judge's error. The case, *Evans v. Michigan*, involves a defendant who faced charges under a state statute criminalizing 'burning other real property' for allegedly setting a vacant building ablaze."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

MLive.com: U.S. Supreme Court hearing case of Detroit man caught running from arson scene with gas can

[Full story](#)

Lansing State Journal: Dems nearly sweep Delta, Delhi boards

"... Republican trustee Jan Cunningham chose not to run again for the board in order to enter the race for Eaton County circuit court judge. She won that race against Steve Freeman by a wide margin."

[Full story](#)

The Macomb Daily: Appeals Court freezes lawsuit by Warren official

"The Michigan Court of Appeals will decide whether a former Warren official must divulge what he knows about an online forum that included postings considered defamatory by the city's current sanitation director."

[Full story](#)

The MiLW Blog: MSC takes action on three administrative files

"In recent orders, the Michigan Supreme Court: Appointed Judge James N. Erhart as chief judge of the 90th District Court (Emmet County).... Declined to adopt a proposed amendment of MCR 7.210.... Proposed amendments to MCR 6.302 and 6.310."

[Full story](#)

Muskegon County Legal News: Michigan Supreme Court hears oral argument on Muskegon case at Grand Rapids Gerald R. Ford Museum

"After the Michigan Supreme Court heard oral arguments at the Gerald R. Ford Museum in Grand Rapids Oct. 25, Supreme Court Chief of Staff/General Counsel Matthew Schneider asked the audience, composed mostly of high school students, to raise their hands if the proceedings were what they expected."

[Full story](#)

Tuscola County Advertiser: Unofficial Election results posted

"... Circuit Court Judge: Robert A. Betts – 9,047, Amy Grace Gierhart – 13,169; Probate – Family Court Judge: Inc. Amanda Roggenbuck – 10,599, Nancy Thane – 10,892."

[Full story](#)

WXYZ-TV(7)/Detroit: 7 Action News Investigators go undercover to unveil local Judge Sheila Gibson five hour work days

"The 7 Action News Investigators are exposing a local judge who is shortchanging the taxpayers and putting justice on hold. She shows up late for work and leaves people waiting in her courtroom for hours. Investigator Scott Lewis started tracking this judge after a complaint from a 7 Action News viewer who asked us to hold her accountable."

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